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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)  
Flexibility Renewal

On July 19, 2012, the United States Department of Education (USED) announced approval of Michigan's ESEA Flexibility Request. This approval expires at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. ESEA Flexibility has allowed Michigan to move from the one-size-fits-all requirements of No Child Left Behind legislation to a more customized approach for districts and schools. Through activities aligned to the Principles of ESEA Flexibility, Michigan has worked to ensure access for all students to career- and college-ready academic content; continuously improve its systems and processes supporting a system of differentiated recognition, accountability, and support; and implement teacher and principal evaluations and supports.

Michigan's request for Renewal of ESEA Flexibility is due to USED on March 31, 2015. This presentation is designed to update you on the Renewal process, timelines, and implications as well as proposed changes to the content of Michigan's current ESEA Flexibility Request.

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